



WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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NEW CIT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The State Legislature passed SSB 5311*, known as The Doug Ostling Act, establishing requirements for Crisis Intervention Training for all Peace Officers in Washington. The three main requirements are:

1. All BLEA recruits must receive 8 hours of CIT training (This is already happening at CJTC)
2. All full-time, general authority peace officers must have a minimum of 8-hours of CIT training by 2021.
3. All full-time, general authority peace officers must receive at least 2 hours of refresher training each year beginning in July 2017.

*The bill also contains language recommending CJTC *provide* a 40-hour CIT class to 25% of all certified peace officers assigned to patrol duties. This is already available.

What does your agency need to do to meet these requirements?

- By 2021 you must show that all of your full-time, general authority peace officers have received 8-hours of CIT training (see attached page for descriptions of training that meets this requirement.)
- Beginning July 2017 you must show that all of your officers have completed 2 hours of refresher training each year.

What is being done by CJTC to assist you in meeting these requirements?

- 8-hour and 40-hour in-service classes are being presented in all regions in the state. [Check here for the class schedule.](#)
- Reimbursement for backfill overtime is available; CJTC will provide grants to agencies to cover the cost of sending officers to CIT training. Just complete an [Overtime/Backfill Reimbursement Form.](#)
- Online 2-hour blocks of refresher training will be available beginning July 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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**How many people at your agency already meet
the mandatory CIT training requirements?**

- Any certified Peace Officer for the State of Washington that graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy on June 18, 2014 or later.
- Any Washington State Patrol Trooper who graduated from Washington State Patrol Academy on November 19, 2015 or later.
- Any Washington State or lateral certified peace officer that has successfully completed a 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training Program since Jan. 1, 2008.
- Any officer that has attended the King County Mental Illness Drug Dependency Plan 8 hour In-service Training.
- If you have provided your own CIT training and continue to do so please contact Bob Graham (see other side) for more information.